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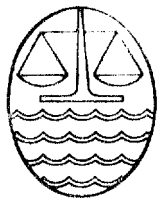
No State exercising colonial or similar domination may take advantage of the provisions of the foregoing articles to act in place of another country situated outside its national territory.

1. Fisheries for catadromous fish shall be conducted only within the fishery [economic] zones of coastal states and subject to the terms, conditions and regulations that they may prescribe.
2. The coastal State in whose waters catadromous fish spend the greater part of their life cycle (hereinafter called the producing State) shall have the responsibility for the management of these stocks and their maintenance at optimum levels; in particular, the producing State shall ensure the ingress and egress of migrating fish. Such State shall have preferential rights in respect of the total harvest of the catadromous stocks concerned.
3. In circumstances where catadromous fish migrate through the fishery [economic] zone of another State or States, whether as juvenile or maturing fish, the management of such fisheries including harvesting shall be regulated by agreement between the producing State and the other State or States concerned, which agreement shall both ensure the maintenance of the stocks at their optimum levels, and take into account the preferential rights of the producing State and its responsibility for the maintenance of such stocks.



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**STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE AT ITS
FIRST MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 1974 CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION
OF ITS WORK**

I have held consultations with the officers of this Committee, the Chairman of the regional groups and some individual delegations and, as a result of these consultations, it is my understanding that, in general there appears to be agreement on the following points bearing on the organization of this Committee's work:

(1) The Committee should start by dealing with substantive questions next week towards the end of the general debate in the plenary Conference;

(2) The items allocated to the Committee should be taken up in official and non-official meetings, as considered convenient, with the Committee Chairman presiding. Working groups should not be established, at least at the initial stage, on the understanding that, if necessary, one or more informal ad hoc groups may be established;

(3) The items allocated to the Committee should be considered one by one in the order in which they appear in the relevant list. The idea is to consider each of these items and questions and then to identify the main trends and to express these trends in generally acceptable formulae, in other words, to "put the item on ice", without taking decisions, and to pass on to the following item. It is clearly understood that, during the discussion of each item, delegations may refer to related items. No decision will be taken until all the closely interconnected items have been fully considered;

(4) At present it does not seem possible to draw up a time-table of work. At most, such a time-table could be prepared only tentatively and the officers are currently working on this. The officers of the Committee could be given the responsibility of periodically reviewing the progress of the work in the light of the time available. Depending on the progress of the work and having regard to the time factor, special measures could be taken to expedite the work when it is thought that the Committee is falling behind;

(5) The Committee should not take a formal decision on the documentation which will serve as a basis for its work. All the available documents - the documents of the Sea-Bed Committee and any others that may have been submitted officially or informally or which may be submitted during this session - may be used.

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